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## LSCC Annual Meeting This Month!

**From Gerry Fortin, LSCC President:** The Philadelphia ANA is now only weeks away and approaching quickly. Preparations include a massive 12-case LSCC and BCCS club table display being coordinated by John Frost. John's *Gobrecht Journal* #132 article entitled, *In Search of the Forgotten Liberty Seated Engraver William Barber*, will be brought to life via displays of important medals, letters, and coinage as presented in his article. John has one of William Barber's relatives attending the LSCC Annual Meeting. There is coverage of the ANA display by *Coin World*, *Numismatic News*, *The Numismatist*, *The E-Sylum*; so check your favorite publication for more details. John Frost has placed an announcement on the upcoming ANA display on the LSCC website ([www.lsccweb.org](http://www.lsccweb.org)) and the specific page <http://www.lsccweb.org/ANA2018-exhibit.shtml>.

The ANA's Worlds Fair of Money convention is also the venue for the LSCC's annual meeting. This year the meeting will be held on Thursday August 16 at 9:00 AM and is scheduled for approximately 1.5 hours. Here is the initial agenda.

- Attendee Introductions and Group Photograph
- Review of Past Year's Accomplishments
- Kamal M. Ahwash Literature Award for voted best *Gobrecht Journal* article
- President's Award
- LSCC Hall of Fame Induction - Another outstanding LSCC individual is recognized.
- Treasurer's Report - The club is in excellent financial health.
- Featured Education Presentation - *Liberty Seated Dollars Varieties* by Dick Osburn.
- Distribution of Premier LSCC Membership Medals to those who ordered and are attending the Annual Meeting

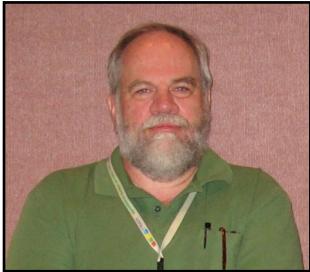
An LSCC group dinner is planned and the Leadership Team agreed to hold the event on Wednesday evening. Details are on page 6 of this issue.

Please check the LSCC table for a full account of all of the Philadelphia ANA happenings and be sure to attend the annual LSCC meeting on Thursday morning.

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## Auction News

### by Craig Eberhart, LSCC #1348

July is typically one of the slower months for auctions and this year was no exception.

Three live auctions were held in July with limited numbers of Liberty Seated coins in all three. However, there were still some better date coins available for bidding.

**Heritage Signature Auction, Summer FUN Show, July 12-15, Orlando.** The largest selection of Liberty Seated coins for July was in this auction. It included one of the few known uncirculated 1845-O dimes, yet another example of the ubiquitous but scarce 1872-CC Liberty Seated dollar, and the only AU58+ 1878-CC Trade dollar graded by PCGS.

1845-O	dime	NGC	MS63	\$18,600.	
1856-S	dime	NGC	XF45	\$1,320.	
1855-S	quarter	PCGS	XF40	\$900.	
1852	half dollar	PCGS	MS65	\$7,500.	
1852	half dollar	NGC	MS62	\$1,920.	
1866-S NM	half dollar	PCGS	XF40	\$1,800.	No motto
1853	dollar	PCGS	AU50	\$1,560	
1859-S	dollar	PCGS	AU50	\$3,360.	
1872-CC	dollar	NGC	AU55	\$7,200.	
1875-S/CC	Trade dollar	ANACS	MS60	\$5,520.	FS-501
1876-CC	Trade dollar	NGC	AU50	\$2,880.	Doubled die reverse
1878-CC	Trade dollar	PCGS	AU58+	\$14,400.	

**The Regency Auction #27 (Legend Auctions), PCGS Members Only Show, July 26, Las Vegas.** Only a few Seated coins were in this auction, but it included one of the finest known 1860-S Seated dimes from the Eliasberg collection and an 1875-S/CC Trade dollar that had been part of the Linda collection assembled by a long-term member of the LSCC. In addition to these two coins, an unusual, or even unique, error Seated coin was also in this sale: An 1851 Seated dollar restrike that had been struck over a New Orleans Seated dollar. This coin has become quite well known, because the "O" mintmark, though flattened, is still visible and in the correct location. However, it was not sold because no bid exceeded the reserve price, which appeared to be about \$280,000.

1860-S	dime	PCGS CAC	MS65	\$42,300.
1875-S/CC	Trade dollar	PCGS	MS64	\$18,212.

**Scotsman Auction Company, The Midwest Summer Sale, July 27, St. Louis.** Several better date circulated Liberty Seated coins were in this auction.

1843-O	dime	PCGS	VF20	\$1,063.
1852-O	dime	NGC CAC	AU58	\$1,063.
1848	dollar	PCGS	XF40	\$1,150.



## Hello LSCC Premier Medal Orderers!

**A note from Jeff Ball, the LSCC Premier Medal Program Manager.** I am very happy to report that Moonlight Mint has completed the medals and shipped them to Gerry Fortin. This sets up an optional ANA PICKUP of your medals. Please read this entire notice and follow the instructions completely so that we do not have any confusion on how to deliver your medal.

### Premier LSCC Membership Medals are Done—PICKUP AT ANA IS AN OPTION!

Moonlight Mint indicated that the first Premier LSCC Membership medal order has been completed. The entire order was shipped to GFRC (Gerry Fortin Rare Coins) Maine office as GFRC will take the responsibility for distribution of the medal program to LSCC members. Gerry now has them in hand. I have shipped the Capital Plastics holders to GFRC for delivery this week.

As a courtesy to the Liberty Seated Collectors Club, Dan Carr performed edge engraving of all silver medals without charge. The edge lettering will read “ONE TROY OZ . 999 SILVER”.

### How will Premier LSCC Membership Medal distribution take place?

There will be two approaches for distribution of the Premier LSCC Membership medals after a quality control check is performed by GFRC staff. We encourage club members to retrieve their medals at the Philadelphia ANA to help the club save shipping costs. Shipping cost for a single medal is equivalent to the cost for printing and shipping a *Gobrecht Journal*. The following are the distribution methods:

- **Philadelphia ANA Distribution** - For LSCC members attending the Philadelphia ANA and LSCC Annual meeting, your medals will be available for pickup prior to the start of the meeting at 8:30 AM. If club members wish to retrieve their medals at the Philadelphia ANA, then email confirmation must be sent to GFRC ([wuximems@hotmail.com](mailto:wuximems@hotmail.com)) and Jeff Ball ([jeffballphoto@gmail.com](mailto:jeffballphoto@gmail.com)). Gerry's wife, Diane, will be coordinating with me on the list of medals to be hand carried to Philly and distributed. GFRC will not bring all medals to the ANA; only those with emailed pick-up reservations. IT IS CRITICAL TO RESERVE YOU PICKUP IN ADVANCE OF ANA. **Please RSVP by AUGUST 8.**

- **Club Members Not Attending ANA** - Your medals will be shipped, via USPS Priority Mail, during the week before the Philadelphia ANA to addresses on the order form.

Premier LSCC Membership medals will be shipped in the Moonlight Mint plastic holder along with a Capital Plastic holder. It is the club member's responsibility to place the medal(s) into the Capital Plastic holder. Special care and gloves are suggested to ensure the proof finish is not impacted. For those ordering the four piece set including gold, two silvers and one copper, I cannot stress enough to use gloves when unpacking the medals and placing into the Capital Plastics holder.

Thank you so much for your patience as we complete our first medal production run. I think you will be very happy with the finished product.

Don't forget, **please RSVP by August 8** for ANA pickup ASAP if that is your plan.

If you are not picking up at ANA, no problem, just sit back and wait for the USPS to deliver your beautiful Premier Medal in a few weeks.

**LSCC website: [www.lsccweb.org](http://www.lsccweb.org)**



## Quarter of the Month

by Greg Johnson, LSCC #1460

### The 1877-S over Horizontal S Quarter Dollar

One of the appeals of Liberty Seated quarters as a series is, of course, their rarity. The pursuit of varieties can take this to an extreme; sometimes such an extreme that one can overlook some of the really neat, but not so rare, varieties in the series.

This month I want to, as in the May column, focus on a more common variety and take another quick look at the 1877 S over Horizontal S quarter. It is a really interesting and appealing coin that is one of the easiest Liberty Seated quarter varieties to locate.



The variety has been known since long before the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC) was founded. As a well-known variety it is listed in the major catalogs and price guides and has been occasionally mentioned and pictured in the *Gobrecht Journal*; including as one of the Top 25 varieties (*Gobrecht Journal* #111, July 2011). Despite being quite common and readily available, only 7 specimens were reported in the 2007 LSCC survey (the issue was not included in the 1993 survey). The 33 examples reported in the 2013 Top 25 survey placed the 1877-S over horizontal S as the fourth most common of the Top 25 varieties.

The Table below summarizes PCGS, NGC, and

CAC populations of attributed 1877-S over horizontal S quarters. Two things to note are that: 1) many examples may be certified, but unattributed by variety and listed simply as 1877-S quarters; and 2) PCGS has, for some reason, assigned two different coin numbers to the variety. It is also important to remember that low-grade examples of common issues tend to not get certified because of the expense relative to coin value.

The CAC numbers are consistent with the observation that no matter how common a Liberty Seated quarter may be in an absolute sense, eye appealing and original examples are never easy to find and often represent good value to the collector. A nice and original example of the 1877-S over Horizontal S is interesting, attractive, and inexpensive. What's not to like?



Images Courtesy of Heritage.

**Table 1. 1877-S over Horizontal S Quarter TPG Populations and CAC Approvals.  
(PCGS Coin #5507 & #145562)**

	G-VG-F	VF	XF	AU	MS (60-62)	MS63	MS64	MS65	MS66	MS67
PCGS	6	19	13	17	14	8	14	4	1	1
NGC	1	1	2	15	7	7	9	4	0	0
CAC	1	0	2	6	2	3	3	0	1	0



## LSCC Calendar

August 15-18, 2018. **LSCC annual meeting, education program, table, and social. Philadelphia, PA.** ANA World's Fair of Money, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. The all important annual LSCC meeting is Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 9 AM in room 120c. There will be a club activities update, awards presentations, treasurer's report, regional activities report, and an educational program by Dick Osburn on *Liberty Seated Dollar Varieties*. The LSCC staff will be at the club table on the bourse floor with a very special exhibit.

August 15, 2018. **LSCC dinner:** The no-host dinner/social club dinner will be at **Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant**, 1201 Filbert Street, **Philadelphia, PA** Wednesday night August 15, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

August 17, 2018. **Money Talks program. Philadelphia, PA.** ANA World's Fair of Money, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. John Frost will present the *Fascination New Discoveries regarding Father-Son Mint Engravers, William and Charles Barber* on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 4 PM in room 121b. Please support John on his ground breaking research project and attend his presentation.

August 30 to September 2, 2018. **LSCC regional meeting and educational program. Dublin, OH.** Ohio State Coin Show, Dublin Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin OH. Stephen Petty will host the Midwest regional meeting on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 9 AM in room 183. Stephen will have a new presentation *The Rarity of CAC Liberty Seated Coinage*.

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## Regional News by Dennis Fortier, LSCC #2016

### ANA Club Dinner Announcement

July is a slow month but this year it is even slower than usual. It has been an active winter -spring season for the regional program so a slower than usual summer seems oddly appropriate. The good news is that the ANA is upon us.

**Club dinner:** Thanks to Tom Binder doing some leg work, the club dinner will be at **Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant (1201 Filbert Street, Philadelphia)** Wednesday night August 15, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

**ANA Club Meeting:** Thursday August 16, 2018 at 9 AM in room 120c. Dick Osburn will give a presentation on *Liberty Seated Dollar Varieties*.

The most exciting news of the up-coming ANA is the exhibit planned at the club tables by Education Director John Frost. As seen in the latest issue of *The Gobrecht Journal*, *The Barber Journal*, and the *Nu-mismatist*, John has assembled a remarkable treasure

trove of William and Charles Barber artifacts direct from the Barber family.

Never before seen photos and oil portraits of the father and son engravers will be on exhibit. Hand drawings of proposed coins that never made it to the Pattern stage are but a few of the riches uncovered.

This exhibit and the corresponding articles in the several publications will be of immense interest to many in the numismatic community. New information of historic significance will further cement John Frost's legacy in the numismatic community.

The Ohio State Coin Show is August 30 to September 2, Dublin OH. Stephen Petty will host the Midwest Regional meeting on Friday, August 31, 2018 at 9 AM at the Dublin Crowne Plaza Hotel in Room 183. Stephen will have a new presentation *The Rarity of CAC Seated Coinage*. Hopefully he will write it up in an article, so we can all benefit from the information. Hint, hint, Stephen.

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## Cracked, Shattered, and Terminal

by Benny Haimovitz, LSCC #2494

**1843 Half Dollar, WB-11  
Tripled 43, R3**



The WB-11 is but one of the many exciting die marriages from the Philadelphia mint in 1843. The tripled 43 obverse is common to three other die marriages with WB-11 being the final usage. The reverse is found only with the WB-11 marriage.

Obverse diagnostics include not only the tri-

pled 43, but also a die crack from K-4 into the foot support and foot of Miss Liberty. Additional cracks appear at various point between most of the stars, although somewhat lightly. A rim cud appears below the date with another at K-11.

The reverse die is a substantially more enter-



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taining with an amazing array of strong cracks. In the upper portion, cracks start at the rim above the A in STATES down through the Eagle's left wing, branching in several directions. One crosses through the Eagle's beak and head, moving into the top pf the right wing, where it intersects with another strong die crack that starts from the rim through the M in AMERICA.



The lower portion shows a continuation of the upper die cracks with the one in the left wing going through the olive leaves, berries and exiting to the rim through the H in HALF. The crack through the right wing completely crosses the shield, arrow feathers and stem, to exit at the rim through the D in DOLLAR. The two main vertical die cracks again branch off in multiple locations.



Diagnostics courtesy of *A Register of Liberty Seated Half Dollar Varieties, Volume V, Philadelphia Mint 1839 - 1852* by Bill Bugert. Images courtesy of PCGS TrueView with this example graded AU55.

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## The Curious Collector

by Len Augsburger, LSCC #1271

### 2018 ANA Preview

It is ANA convention time again, with festivities this year scheduled for August 14 – August 18 in Philadelphia. The ANA is full of distractions, and it is not really possible to take everything in, but several highlights are worth keeping in mind.

**A 1913 Liberty Nickel and more:** Stack's Bowers is auctioning off the highest graded Liberty nickel, PCGS PR66 w/a CAC sticker to boot. Will the “green bean” make much difference in the price? I doubt it, but if it only costs \$29 for CAC to look at a coin, why not? Stack's Bowers has issued a 24-page standalone catalog for the coin, reminiscent of the standalone catalog produced for the 1933 double eagle in July 2002. When your coin merits its own catalog, that's a pretty good sign. Not to be outdone, Heritage Auctions is selling an 1854-S half eagle, newly discovered and one of four known. Heritage is also presenting Eric P. Newman's unique 1792 WASHINGTON PRESIDENT piece in gold, traceable to 1855 and possibly a pocket piece of George Washington. The coin is somewhat of an enigma as its engraver and coiner are unknown, but it's clear it was designed to a preliminary specification of the Coinage Act of 1792 and was obviously intended as a prospective sample of federal coinage. Regardless of who made it and who it was presented to, how many American colonial coins are known in gold? That alone moves you pretty far up the coolness ladder. Heritage is further featuring an 1870-S dollar, ex. Gene Gardner, graded PCGS EF40 and previously sold at \$505,250.

**Exhibits, exhibits, exhibits:** Everyone brings out the good stuff for the ANA. Our own LSCC (in cooperation with the Barber Coin Collectors Society), under the coordination of John Frost, will have a club table featuring historic artifacts from the estate of Charles and William Barber. If you read the last copy of the *Gobrecht Journal*, you are well aware that the 20-cent and

trade dollar pieces were designed by William Barber. Drawings, photographs, and other ephemera will be on display, and I expect a lot of foot traffic in the area. We also have confirmation that descendants of Barber will be attendance. The ANA itself will have Confederate pieces on exhibit in its Museum Showcase, including an 1861-O Confederate half dollar (one of four known) and an 1861 Confederate cent (one of 16 known). Elsewhere, California dealer Kevin Lipton has announced the exhibit of early American pieces including a 1792 so-called “quarter,” 1792 Birch cent (both from the Patrick collection of 1792 patterns), along with a 4-piece collection of Nova Constellatio patterns, previously from the Garrett collection. Colonial collectors have even more to look at, with the Brasher doubloon at the PCGS table, in addition to a group of rare New York colonial coppers.

**You are in Philadelphia:** The US Mint is nearby and open for public tours, not to mention Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and lots of other attractions. Recently opened is the Museum of the American Revolution, where the ANA has scheduled its kickoff event for Tuesday, August 14. The Reading Terminal market, close to the convention center, is one of the best food halls in the country. There is NO excuse for eating convention center food (unless someone else is paying for it, of course) in Philadelphia.

**And don't forget the LSCC:** We have our annual meeting on Thursday at 9 AM Thursday in room 120C, in addition to the club table on the bourse floor, which will run for the duration of the event. It's a good place to hang out when your feet get tired. Also, a club dinner is planned for Wednesday evening (August 15), contact Dennis Fortier ([ricajun@msn.com](mailto:ricajun@msn.com)) for further info. See you in Philadelphia!



## Seated Short

**From Adriana Zona:** This lady Liberty Seated embroidered tapestry was recently brought to the United States by a collector who purchased it in Vichy France.

From the date on the bottom right, it was possibly designed for the 1878 World's Fair in Paris. This event is where the completed head of the Statue of Liberty was also on display.

The framed panel measures 29" x 37" and was hand-stitched in wool yarn and silk thread. Often referred to as Berlin wool work, this type of needlepoint was popular in the mid-1800s as improvements in yarn dyes made it possible to create colorful shading techniques.

This piece will be heading to auction on November 14th, 2018 at Freeman's Auctions in Philadelphia, PA in the American Folk, Furniture and Decorative Arts auction.



### Call for LSCC Officer Nominations

The officers of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club are seeking nominations for the following elected club positions: **President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer.** The current term of elected office for the incumbents expires on December 31, 2018.

The next term of office is from January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2020, a two-year term.

The election will take place via postal mail in November and December 2018. The ballot will be mailed to all current members with the Fall 2018 *Gobrecht Journal*, Issue #133. Results will be announced in January 2019.

All three current officer, Gerry Fortin, Len Augsburger, and Dale Miller have indicated they will again seek office in the LSCC.

Please consider running for office and supporting the LSCC and the hobby.

**Submit your nomination(s) no later than October 1, 2018** to the Bill Bugert, LSCC Editor-Publisher, via phone, email, or postal mail, at the contact information on the last page.



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